



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

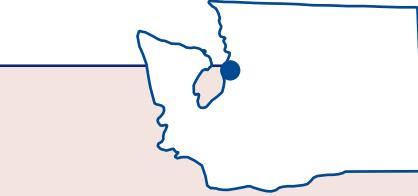
Seattle Housing Authority, WA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Seattle Housing Authority was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The target area lies along the 12th Avenue Corridor, which runs through the heart of the City of Seattle (population 563,374). It is an important north-south route at the crossroads of the Central Area, Capitol Hill, International District, and First Hill neighborhoods. This once vital commercial area is now a federally designated Enterprise Community. The median household income for the area is 47 percent of the city median. Thirty-one percent of families live below the poverty level, and more than 40 percent of area residents are minorities. At the urging of neighborhood residents, the city has developed a revitalization plan for the area that will turn the corridor



Cleanup Grant

**\$52,975 for hazardous substances
\$43,934 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the Seattle Housing Authority for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up contaminated soil and groundwater at the Turner Beatter Residence at 109 12th Avenue. Solvents and fuel oil leached onto the property from an adjacent parcel that once was the site of a drycleaning facility. Grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities, excavate and dispose of the contaminated soils, and remediate contaminated groundwater.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

into a pedestrian-oriented mixed-use boulevard. The city recently completed the first phase of significant improvements to the streetscape, including widening the sidewalk, planting trees, and installing new lighting. Assessment and cleanup of these brownfields sites will enable the Housing Authority to redevelop this portion of the 12th Avenue Corridor and construct a mixed-use building combining street-level retail space with affordable housing.